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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Steven J. Laureanti (Reg. No. 50274) on September 27, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1:

Line 9, after "plan;", insert --automatically communicate a notification regarding the existence of an exception to one or more of the entities; receive a request for information about the exception from one or more of the entities in response to the notification; --

Line 10, before communication, insert --automatically--.

Line 11, delete "~~entities~~", insert --entities in response to receiving a request, the manager application controlling access to the planning information based on a permissibility framework--.

Claim 12:

Line 5, after "plan;", insert --automatically communicate a notification regarding the existence of an exception to one or more of the entities; receive a request for

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information about the exception from one or more of the entities in response to the notification; --

Line 7, before communication, insert --automatically--.

Line 8, delete “entities”, insert --entities in response to receiving a request, the manager application controlling access to the planning information based on a permissibility framework--.

Claim 21:

Line 6, after “plan;”, insert --automatically communicate a notification regarding the existence of an exception to one or more of the entities; receive a request for information about the exception from one or more of the entities in response to the notification; --

Line 7, before communication, insert --automatically--.

Line 8, delete “~~entities~~”, insert --entities in response to receiving a request, the manager application controlling access to the planning information based on a permissibility framework--.

Claim 30:

Line 6, after “plan;”, insert --automatically communicate a notification regarding the existence of an exception to one or more of the entities; receive a request for information about the exception from one or more of the entities in response to the notification; --

Line 8, before communication, insert --automatically--.

Line 9, delete “**entities**”, insert --entities in response to receiving a request, the manager application controlling access to the planning information based on a permissibility framework--.

Reasons for Allowance

2. Claims 1, 6-8, 10-12, 17-19, 21, 26-28 and 30-31 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art of record is to Lidow (U.S. Patent No. 7,003,474) in view of Proquest (Logility Announces Voyager XPS; Internet-based Application Assists Companies with Collaborative Planning, Forecasting and Replenishment (CPFR) Process). Applicant's arguments filed on July 18, 2007 (pages 11-13 in particular) are deemed to be persuasive and adequately reflect the Examiner's opinion as to why claims 1, 6-8, 10-12, 17-19, 21, 26-28 and 31 are allowable over the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

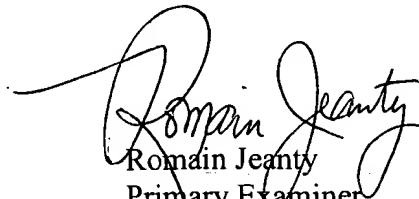
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a. Gourley (WO0051038) discloses an inventory control system for receiving production planning data in a value chain system.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Romain Jeanty whose telephone number is (571) 272-6732. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs 7:30 am to 6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tariq R. Hafiz can be reached on (571) 272-6729. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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